

Fire Station Building Committee – Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday October 22, 2020

Time: 4:00 PM

Place: City Webex

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. CHAIRPERSON STATEMENT: If any person present is recording this meeting you must notify the Chairperson at this time.
3. Roll call
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2020.
5. Temporary Fire Station Subcommittee report.
6. Reports from Neil Joyce and Dennis Ross.
7. Continuing discussion on Committee presentation before City Council for additional funds for appropriation.
8. Set next meeting date.
9. Vote to go in to Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property at Main Street and Coombs Avenue if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.
10. Adjourn.

Called to order at 160hrs.

Roll Call of Members Present: Chair Person Singer, Gregg Diefendorf, John Andrews, Carole Collins, Steve Drakulich, Herb Forgey, Liz Gilman, Ed Jarvis, Peter McIver, Amy McMahan, David Moscaritolo, Chief Strahan, Jennifer Stromsten, Jean Wall, Mayor Wedegartner, Katrina Pacheco, Dennis Ross, OPM Neil Joyce

Motion by Jean 2nd by Chief Strahan to accept minutes for October 8th 2020 meeting. Motion carries.

Temporary Fire Station Update:

David M – Semi-starting conceptual drawings. Concept estimates broken out for lease, fit out, and soft costs. 4-6 wk timeline for drawings. Expecting early December for bids. Nov 9th next meeting.

David S – Can you break down those costs.

David M – Leased structures \$952,140 , Fit out \$504,604 , Soft Costs \$431,000 , Total \$1,929,744

David S – Was there discussion of the DPW's roll in the process?

David M – Quite a lot, DPW will have a lot of work depending what they'll be able to complete.

David S – and that is on the fit-out expense?

David M – Yes, the fit out

Mayor – the savings isn't reflected in the fit-out number budgeted correct?

David M – We don't have any total savings yet to bring that number down yet.

David S – Do you have a plan on how they'll be able to save us money

Neil – Right now the plan is to have the plan documents proceed and once that happens we will continue to discuss with Marlo to identify any scope of work that he does not feel the DPW will be able to do and we will put the remaining work out to bid.

David S – if the DPW does the work, does that mean they will be assigned to do this work, or will they be on overtime or will additional employees have to be hired? The reason asked is were creating work for our DPW and the money spent is circling back to our own people.

Mayor – DPW does a lot of work on city projects, they do it within their own work schedules as much as possible. That is seasonally dependent, plumber and electricians, may have some excavation work, we may have to move around some of their workflow, but it would be their work assignment. Marlo had slight concerns about under staffing but working that out.

David S – Hoping for more money from council, with everything going on do you believe that we will be on target for July?

Neil – We're doing everything we can to move as early as we can. Much is dependent on weather and the taking of the parking lot. It is not an unreal expectation and believe that it can be done in time for July.

Reports from Neil and Dennis:

David M – Contract being worked out with H2M is for Temp and Permanent

Neil – Efforts being targeted for the temporary structures, initiating conversations with the DPW, working through the contract with Dennis and the Mayors office. Plan to develop and refine the documents to go out to bid in December.

David S – Going to Ways and Means want to be sure on numbers. Fair to say we need to ask for \$17.5M

Neil – Yes.

Dennis – Apologize for being late. Going through consultant agreements, Fuss and O'Neil for civil engineering and CES for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing for the temporary. Andrew is working on keeping them on track for the buildings.

David S – Once all this fit out is done at the Hope St. lot will that site be able to accommodate new construction and development with the improvements made there?

Dennis – No with the things being done for the temp building they are only temp tie ins for the temp structures. What ever future building would need specific build out for whatever replacement structures needs.

Mayor – Why do you ask?

David S – I'd like to know if there is a savings that could aid in future developments there and if there is any reclaimed costs down the road.

Mayor – I don't want the towns people to think that there is some other plans there, the plan is to return it back to a parking lot.

Ed – Neil, the 1.9M is a worst case scenario?

Neil – Yes the intent is to not spend one penny more than we need to.

Mayor – The longer we wait the more it costs and Neil is wisely factoring that in.

Funding :

David S – Mayor has withdrawn the 5M request and has submitted a request for 5M for the borrowing with an additional 1M from rescinded debt. We already have 10.55M budgeted for the project, and our friends at the Library have committed to assisting with our project also. The council has asked for the full amount needed. We're in the same position that the Community Center, HS, and Library as far as budget in order to request funding. Feels confident that this will never be like the Middle School Project and we will be within budget and responsible.

Mayor – Thank you David. Whatever we don't spend on the fire station or the library goes back to reducing the debt we don't just go out and spend it that debt goes back to the city.

Executive Session:

Discussion of ongoing conflict of interest on the purchase of property with Councilor Jarvis.

Motion by Chief Strahan, 2nd by David M to enter executive session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property at Main Street and Coombs Avenue because the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Meeting adjourn at 1647hrs